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The Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 4 and the obvious consideration you have given my request that action be taken to provide retirement benefits to spouses not covered by the Central Intelligence Agency Spouses Retirement Equity Act of 1982. With the enthusiastic and effective support you gave the passage of that Act, I fully understand the sympathy with which you approach this problem and the sincerity with which I am sure you would have supported action at this time if it were feasible. I fully respect your judgment that you feel it is possible to enact appropriate legislation in the near future. I know you will continue to be considerate of this problem and look forward to a more propitious set of circumstances that might allow us to move on this important subject. Meanwhile, I wish again to assert the appreciation of all who have been affected directly or indirectly by the policies established in the 1982 Act for whose passage you played such an important role.

Many thanks again, and my best wishes.

Sincerely,

W.E. Colby

cc: Hon. J. Kenneth Robinson
Hon. Romano L. Mazzoli
Hon. G. William Whitehurst